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TEHRAN FOR NEWSOM FROM HUMMEL

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: NEWSOM VISIT

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1. WE HAVE ASCERTAINED FROM FRENCH EMBASSY THAT JACOMET WILL
ARRIVE ISLAMABAD AT 1045 MORNING OF JULY 16. THIS PRODUCES
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POSSIBILITY OF YOUR MEETING JACOMET SOME TIME BEFORE YOUR
DEPARTURE FROM ISLAMABAD AT 0800 JULY 17 (FOR 0830 TAKEOFF FROM
PINDI). FRENCH EMBASSY SEEMS MORE RELUCTANT THAN JACOMET APPEARS
TO BE, ABOUT SUCH A MEETING AND THE POSSIBILITY OF LENDING COLOR
TO ACCUSATIONS OF US-GOF COLLUSION. HOWEVER I THINK WE SHOULD
FOLLOW FRENCH LEAD AND IF JACOMET WANTS A MEETING I RECOMMEND YOU
AGREE. WE CAN BE IN TOUCH WITH FRENCH EMBASSY AT OTHER

LEVELS, IF THAT SEEMS BETTER, IN ANY EVENT.

2. I THINK THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE PAKS MIGHT WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN RIGHT AFTER JACOMET DEPARTS, PERHAPS TO HAGGLE ABOUT SIZE OF US ASSISTANCE. IT MIGHT ALSO TURN OUT TO BE ADVISABLE FOR US TO SUGGEST TO PAKS THAT YOU RETURN FOR FURTHER TALKS. I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE FOR YOU TO COME BACK TO ISLAMABAD FROM JIDDA, THEREBY POSTPONING YOUR LONDON AND PARIS APPOINTMENTS AS WELL AS YOUR RETURN TO WASH. I RAISE THIS POSSIBILITY SO YOU CAN GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT BUT SUGGEST YOU NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL WE SEE HOW YOUR VISIT HERE GOES AND WE CAN DISCUSS IT DIRECTLY.

3. IN ANY CASE, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE WITH THE PAKS DURING YOUR VISIT ABOUT THE KINDS OF THINGS WE CAN CONTEMPLATE DOING IN SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN IF THE REPROCESSING PROBLEM IS SOLVED. ALTHOUGH THE MORE DESIRABLE SEQUENCE HAS BEEN REVERSED, OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES IN RELATION TO THE JACOMET VISIT REMAIN THE SAME--TO FORESTALL AN ILL-CONSIDERED PUBLIC REACTION BY THE PAKS, AND TO PREVENT THEM FROM PRIVATELY TRYING TO GO IT ALONE. THESE OBJECTIVES REQUIRE THAT THE PAKS BE IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER THE SPECIFIC BENEFITS OF ACQUIESCING IN THE CANCELLATION, AND THOSE BENEFITS CAN BE PUT TO THE PAKS MORE EFFECTIVELY BY YOU AS A SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM WASH THAN BY ME LATER ON AFTER JACOMET'S VISIT. ANOTHER REASON IS THAT WITHOUT SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE US ASSISTANCE IF

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REPROCESSING IS OUT OF THE WAY, YOUR VISIT WILL BE HEAVY (AND TO THE PAKS DISAPPOINTINGLY) ON THE FACT-FINDING SIDE AND TOO LIGHT ON THE WAYS THE US WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN.

4. I TRUST YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO CONVEY A SENSE OF THE USG INTENTION TO ASSIST PAKISTAN IN WAYS NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED BY THE REPROCESSING PLANT, INCLUDING FOOD AID, NARCOTICS CONTROL, AND EVENTUALLY LATER ON WITH CONSIDERATION OF DEBT RESCHEDULING WHEN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS REQUIRE IT OR OF OTHER WAYS TO PROVIDE PAKISTAN WITH HIGH QUALITY EXTERNAL RESOURCES.

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